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In re Appln. of: Smith et al.

Appln. No.: 10/735,263

Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: December 15, 2003

Art Unit: Not Assigned

For: FURNITURE SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No: 3591/1360

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

**Attached is/are:**

Preliminary Amendment.  
 Return Receipt Postcard

**Fee calculation:**

No additional fee is required.  
 Small Entity.  
 An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
 A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_.)  
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Not a Small Entity		
					Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
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Respectfully submitted,

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements set forth in the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed May 27, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

### In the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification as follows (the changes are shown with underlining for added matter and ~~strike-through~~ for deleted matter).